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REMARKS

The Examiner has rejected all of the pending claims as being anticipated by the Lawler reference.

Claim 9 includes several limitations which are not described by Lawler. First of all, Lawler does not mention or even allude in the diagrams or elsewhere to a browser. Lawler deals with a set top box for use in conjunction with a television receiver as a display. For example, column 1, line 65 defines a viewer as someone having a video display set which is a television receiver. Again, Lawler fails to describe the use of a browser. To further distinguish the present invention from the Lawler reference, the term "browser" has been clarified to be limited to a browser of a personal computer. When this amendment is considered, it becomes clear that the Lawler reference does not anticipate claim 9.

The Examiner rejected claim 16 merely stating that it was rejected using the same rationale as for claim 9. Claim 16 has also been amended to make clear that the array is provided to a personal computer user. There is nothing in the Lawler reference which teaches providing anything to a personal computer user. Furthermore, there is nothing in Lawler which describes changing a characteristic of an array in response to a selection made by a personal computer user. As stated above, the Lawler reference, with its TV receiver and its set top box, is quite different from the PC environment of the present invention. The Applicants

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believe that when claim 16, as amended, is reconsidered, it becomes clear that it is not anticipated by the Lawler reference.

The Examiner rejects claim 20, stating that it is on the same rationale as the rejections for claims 9 and 16. The Applicants feel that these rejections of claims 9 and 16 have been addressed, and the arguments given with respect to claims 9 and 16 apply to claim 20. There is no need for the Applicants to amend claim 20 to clarify the PC/browser limitations. Claim 20, in its original form, starts out as follows: "A system comprising: a PC at a first viewer location, said PC having a browser....." Again, the amendments to claims 9 and 16 clarify the PC/browser and make clear the differences between the present invention and the Lawler reference. The claim amendments do not necessitate a new search, nor do they add new matter, because these limitations appear in original unamended claim 20.

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the attention give to this application and believe that it is now clear that claims 9, 16 and 20 are in condition for allowance. Early notification of allowance would be much appreciated.

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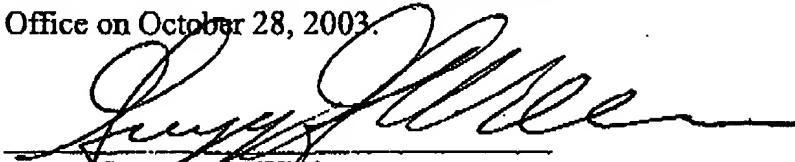
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